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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated December 27, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire March 27, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: